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## METAMORPHOSIS

SEX, SPORTS, BEER AND ROCK & ROLL!

Noah Stern  
BCL II

For many, this year's Law Games meant all of the above (hopefully). McGill had 176 mostly conservative, book-worm law students metamorphose into drooling, drunk, sweaty, libidinous slobs for four days and nights - HALLELUJAH!!!

**SPORTS:** The highlights here were our victories in both the triathlaw (foosball, darts and action-packed shuffleboard) and curling. We placed 2nd or 3rd in all but 5 of the 15 events. Unfortunately, we ended up bequeathing our title to Wasgoode Hall who might be said to have violated Law Games Etiquette by accepting the award as the host school. McGill finished 2nd overall and everyone should be proud of the way she/he played.

The biggest upset of the Law Games was

McGill's 2-0 victory over Laval in broomball. Our broomball team made great strides this year evidenced by the upset win and close losses to both Sherbrooke (1-0) and to Université de Montréal (1-0 after a 0-0 tie prompted a shoot-out). This is all quite miraculous considering all 3 of these schools offer 3 credit courses in the Art of Broomball (just another of their hefty graduation requirements - no offense intended).

**THE PARTIES:** CRAZY!! The first night party at the Underground was dominated by McGill. A sea of white and an ever-present background din of high pitched McGistles. The drinks on the first and second nights featured big-city prices, but the beer flowed in spite. Highlight of the night - Morris Jacobson's backward-over-the -railing-10-point-landing-on-the-stairs-flip. A site to be seen. The nd night brought us to the

realization that despite T.O.'s reputation as an ultra-conservative and abnormally anal town, there are at least two pretty intense nightclubs, Montana and Whiskey Saigon. Whiskey Saigon was 3 levels of bliss culminating on the top floor with the "Rollerblading Babe on Skates", what a show. Reliable sources tell me that she is an aspiring law student and goes through 2 pairs of rollerblades/night. The party ended with a certain L.W. spotted with sticky chunks all over the leg of her jeans and was unable to explain how they got there. This was accompanied by a similarly unexplained smell on the bus in which she was spotted.

The Showline Warehouse was the sight of the third night party. It was a movie set and sound stage gone ballistic. McGill started the night off with a bang. The skill and untiring effort exerted by Dave Shawarma Abitbol in the art of sumo

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## Women and the Law SHADOW PROGRAM

### SHADOW PROGRAM COMMITTEE

#### INTRODUCTION

The McGill Caucus of Women and the Law is pleased to offer all students in the faculty, both male and female, a "Shadow Program" to match law students with professionals in the field. The program is designed to provide law students with the valuable opportunity to make informal contact with lawyers already established in their careers and, where possible, to observe their work.

We have received an excellent response

from the legal practitioners, judges and other law-related professionals contacted to date, many of whom have generously agreed to donate their time to meet with students. These meetings can range in scope from a chance to interview the professional, to spending a day "shadowing" a "big sister" or "big brother" in their job.

#### PROCEDURE

##### All Participants

As they become available, opportunities will be posted in a binder located in the LSA

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# Announcements / Annonces

## LEGAL THEORY WORKSHOP

Professor Peter Berkowitz of the Government Department, Harvard University, will deliver our last Legal Theory Workshop before Reading Week. His talk is on "How Not to Defend Liberalism". Professor Berkowitz is a young Harvard professor who has already received outstanding recognition for his work in political theory. He is the recipient of the prestigious Leo Strauss Award in Political Philosophy for his writing on Nietzsche. His forthcoming talk will examine a number of leading contemporary thinkers who are usually thought to be hostile to liberalism. Professor Berkowitz will try to show why they are not. This talk should be of special interest to all those who wish to explore the possibility of a more inclusive idea of liberalism but it will be accessible to everyone. A copy of the talk is on Library Reserve. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you have had the chance to read the paper!

## Writing Workshop

All first year students are invited to a Writing Workshop (purely voluntary!) on the case comment. The session will take place on Wednesday, February 9 at 12:30 in room 201. For more information, please call Jean Nelson at 366-9780.

## International Law Society PARTY !!!!

Circle Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> on your busy schedule, because the ILS will be hosting a party at Woody's on Bishop. Posters will be up this week with details, and we're planning to invite U of M Law too!!! Should be a great time, and a great break from memos, case comments, and other assignments from hell. See you there!

## Reminders from your user-friendly Office of Undergraduate Studies

An updated JUNE CONVOCATION LIST has been posted on the board in the corridor behind

the USO. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO CHECK YOUR NAME/DEGREE/HOME-TOWN ARE ACCURATE.

Winter term **Course Verification Period** is this week, 7th - 11th February inclusive. The porter's desk in New Chancellor Day Hall will be set up from 9:30-4:30 daily for your convenience. **DO TAKE THE TIME TO VERIFY YOUR WINTER COURSES.**

Students who expect to graduate in June are urged to check their whole academic record in the Faculty of Law during this week to ensure they have met all degree requirements.

## Delta Theta Phi

Meeting Wednesday, February 9th in room 200 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss Comedy Nite and the New York Conference. All members welcome, as well as anyone wanting to join. call George at 398-9251 for information.

## La Bibliothèque/The Library Staff - RECLASSIFICATION

La bibliothèque est en train de reclassifier l'ancienne collection Cutter à la nouvelle classification de la bibliothèque du Congrès (Library of Congress ou LC). Une fois complété, ce travail nous donnera une bibliothèque beaucoup plus facile à utiliser, mais cependant, vous trouverez des volumes qui ont été changés de place.

Nous essayerons de garder les inconvénients au minimum, et afficherons des avis dans les rayons quand des livres ont été déplacés. Si vous ne trouvez pas les livres que vous cherchez, veuillez demander au service de référence ou au comptoir de prêt où il y aura des listes des cotes qui ont changés de place et leur nouvelle emplacement.

Veuillez nous excuser les inconvénients et merci de votre compréhension et patience.

The Library is beginning work to reclassify

the old Cutter collection into Library of Congress. While life will become easier for everyone once the work has been completed, it will mean some disruption while the work is in progress, and you will find that some material has been shifted.

We will try to keep the disruption to a minimum, and will post signs when material has been moved. If you are unable to find material you are looking for, please ask at the Reference or Circulation desk where there will be lists of call numbers which have been moved and their new locations.

We apologize for any inconvenience to our users and thank you for your understanding.

## YEARBOOK: Res Ipsa Loquitor

Do you have some time to help out with putting the yearbook together? Please leave a message in the Res Ipsa Loquitor box in the LSA Office. There is lots to do and few volunteers.

## A Message From The LSA

Remember that the LSA Executive holds office hours 4 days a week now (Wednesday is our day of rest). The exact times we are available will be posted outside the LSA Office. All students note that the LSA will be off limits to all lunchers during these times!

## LEGAL EASE - the law school talkshow

Tune in every second Friday on CKUT 90.3 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon with hosts Melanie Parsons and Patrick Martin.

Next Show = Friday, February 11th at 11:30 a.m....please tune in.

--> if you would like to guest host a show please contact Patrick or Melanie.

The Quid Novi wishes to apologize to readers and writers alike for the numerous typographical errors in last week's issue.

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# Editorial: When Rights and Hypocrisy Meet

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms may be used as both a sword and a shield. It enunciates rights which may be used to attack injustice and to protect from it. In a democracy problems will inevitably arise if such rights are viewed as automatically absolute. As Justice Peter Cory made clear in his speech to the faculty in early January, we must constantly ask "what is the appropriate **balance** between individual rights and rights of society".

The recent manslaughter trial of Karla Homolka (Teale) in which she was sentenced to twelve years in prison for the slaying of two teenage girls has garnered international media attention. The reason for all the attention is not the substance of the crime itself (though in a way it is just this), but rather the imposition of a publication ban on certain aspects of the case by Mr. Justice Francis Kovacs of the Ontario Court, General Division. Under the ban the media may report only the convictions, the sentence and Justice Kovacs' reasons for handing it down. The ban is in effect pending the murder trial later this year of Ms. Homolka's estranged husband, Paul Teale (Bernardo), for the same killings.

Besides just reporting it, certain of the media (including *The Globe and Mail* and its parent *Thomson Newspapers*, *The Toronto Sun*, *The Toronto Star* and the *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation*) have launched an appeal of the publication ban. The argument flows out of s. 2(b) of the Canadian Charter of

Rights and Freedoms - everyone's right to freedom of expression.

The media, though often privately owned and controlled, usually claims to have a duty to the public to report the facts in the most honest and objective manner possible. Some discharge this duty better than others. Some don't even pretend to have such a duty (recent *Weekly World News* headline reads "Zombie denied Social Security - because he's dead"). The problem is that it is hard for the public person to know when the media is acting on the basis of principle or a political agenda or pure economics (since the bottom line for most media instruments is revenue from circulation and corporate advertising).

The argument against the publication ban via freedom of expression is an easy one to adopt because it is a broad right that everyone, including the media, is constitutionally entitled to. It is important, however, that one look behind both sides of the issue and the impetus for taking one side or the other.

The media argue against not allowing an appeal of such a judicial order as the publication ban because it enables the judiciary to trample over constitutional rights with impunity. The Crown counters that allowing the media such an appeal would open the door to the interruption of criminal trials by anyone who claims their constitutional right is affected by the judicial order.

Yet beyond the independence of the judiciary and the issue of appealing judicial orders one must also ask the fundamental question - what is the justification for the publication ban? Answer: another constitutional right, s. 11(d) of the Charter - "the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law in a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal". The aim here is not just protection of the independence of the judiciary (in criminal trials) but protection of the fairness of the legal process in general. Thus, the rights must be balanced. Either way, a constitutional right risks being trampled on.

The media still cries out, "The public has a right to know!" But do they really mean it? Are they really arguing purely on the principle of freedom of expression? One has to wonder if part of the impetus is not the ubiquitous human thirst for sensationalism. So often we witness this perpetuated by the media. Remember, this is a gruesomely juicy manslaughter trial. Sensationalism sells.

The fact is, even if the publication ban remains in effect the public **will** eventually know. When the Teale trial is over it will all come out. What is the pressing need, beyond bloodthirsty curiosity, to have all the details right now? Are there lives at stake? No, but there are constitutional rights at stake. If we are going to argue then let us at least be sure we are not doing so hypocritically.

## SHADOW

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office. Pertinent information is listed on each opportunity sheet in the binder. If you wish to participate, just sign up for any opportunities that interest you. We ask that one person volunteer to be coordinator for each opportunity posted, and that each coordinator contact Debbie Mermelstein, the program director, at 982-9830, upon signing up.

### Coordinator

The coordinator is responsible for arranging and confirming a meeting time and format that is convenient for all participants. This may involve negotiating to accommodate additional students where more have signed up than the practitioner initially expressed a willingness to meet. If not all students who signed up can be accommodated, the program director should be contacted. Preference will be given to students who have not yet participated in the program, and if a further selection must be made, the committee will attempt to arrange a comparable opportunity for those who must be excluded.

Other responsibilities of the coordinator are verifying the date and time the practitioner is

available for a rendez-vous, notifying all students in the group, and confirming the appointment. In the event that the meeting will extend over the lunch hour, it would be appropriate to make prior arrangements, perhaps organizing the group to take the professional out to lunch at a restaurant of the latter's choice.

To assist in maintaining proper records for the program, relevant dates and times should be noted on the opportunity sign-up sheet, and participants must be listed, along with their phone numbers. The binder should contain current information at all times so that it can be meaningfully consulted by all concerned.

Once the meeting has taken place, the coordinator is responsible for sending a thank-you note and for writing up the group's comments and observations about the experience. These comments are to be attached to the opportunity sign-up sheet inserted in the binder, to provide feedback and reference for future program use and for other students interested in that type of opportunity. Because there is a chance that professionals may be sharing information or experiences which they would prefer not be made public, please inform your professional about the "feedback" procedure and ask if they foresee any problems with the information it may convey.

## PROTOCOL TIPS

We ask first and foremost that participating students be aware that they are representing McGill Law School to the legal community. The success of the program depends on our continuing good reputation. Organization is critical to avoid missed appointments. Courteousness is required at all times.

Although one of the objects of the program is to provide an informal meeting environment for the students and professionals, it is important that students dress appropriately for the occasion.

We wish to emphasize that these professionals have very generously volunteered their time for the program. Please express your appreciation of their time and effort on your behalf, and on behalf of McGill Law School.

## CONCLUSION

If you have any questions, suggestions, comments or problems relating to the Shadow Program, please call Debbie at 982-9830 or leave a note in the binder or the Women and the Law mailbox in the LSA office. We hope you will take advantage of this program and enjoy your experiences!



## SEX AND BEER AND SPORTS

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wrestling led him to a victory over some Western punk (you mean Western has a law school?). The Night was capped off with some heavy action by another Dave of the Lisbobo variety. He was found in the classic "Meaning of Life" position in front of the warehouse. He complained of stomach flu which he probably contracted from the copious amounts of beer, shooters and mixed drinks that were seen entering his mouth incessantly throughout the night.

The banquet on the last night was beautifully set up. We had 65 people at the banquet this year which is far more than in recent history. Of course, the awards ceremony was disappointing. They didn't even announce McGill as the runner-up for the sports excellence award. We also thought we'd have a good shot at the participation award which is based on the number of participants and distance travelled. Only Wasgoode had more people at Law Games than McGill. No other contingency even came close.

Those of us who were in Vegas over the Christmas break and lost money had ample opportunity to win it back at the Big Brothers all-night casino. The event of the night was not, however, the influx of wealth generated by us all at the blackjack tables. It was the dance performance of Yanick Landry who "took it all off" in a solo while everyone cheered him on. Hats off to you Yanick for instilling some fear of liberalism into the hearts of many a law student across Canada.

Every night the partying continued after-hours in hotel rooms, hallways, and probably broom closets. Despite all the efforts of the hotel staff, security guards and police, they were not able to reverse the metamorphosis and change us back into the quiet, peaceful, law-abiding law students we all become on our return to the halls of Chancellor Day. In fact, Mr. Hyde's presence was never felt more certainly than on the last night with the BIG DUCK SCANDAL. Two McGillites who can't be named (the boys in Room 400) were politely ushered out of the hotel by some 6 police officers and a gaggle of security guards for being caught in possession of a wooden duck rightfully belonging to the hotel. The following is an extract from the police report:

Policeman: You're a law student, right?

McGillite: Yes.

Policeman: Then you are familiar with the meaning of the word "possession", right?

McGillite: Not really.

Policeman: Well, you're in possession of THAT DUCK!!!

McGillite: Actually, because we're in Ontario I'm actually in possession of "time in the duck" and not the duck itself.

Policeman: YOU'RE OUT, OUT, OUTTA HERE!!!!

(The last 2 statements were not actually said but were added for the sake of hilarity). The duck was further disgraced by having a

condom unrolled over its head and down its neck. Thank God it was wooden.

All in all, Law Games was a great success. The purpose of Law Games is for all to let loose and have a blast - I hope everyone did. I'd like to thank everyone who participated this year and hope we can break our record for number of participants at next year's Law Games (which by the way will be hosted by Ottawa Civil Law). Lastly we should all thank the members of the sports committee - Kiri V., Janet M., Julie B., Murray M., Dave B., Alwynn G., Lindsay M., Joanne K., Corina S., and Roland L. - without them Law Games would have been a total bust and I'd probably be dead (either by overwork or stoning by 176 angry law students).

As I proceed into my N.C.P. class back in my old form as your run of the mill law student, all I can do is reminisce and await next year's metamorphosis in Ottawa/Hull. Three cheers for the institution of Law Games - HIP HIP HOORAY \* 3!!!  
(Eds. Note: It is now 4:43 p.m. on Sunday, February 6, 1994. At special, frantic request to the Quid Novi the above article has just been censored to protect the identities and potential careers of those involved in the BIG DUCK SCANDAL. As well, an incriminating photo has been removed for the same reasons. However, the DUCK photo remains as unadulterated testimony to what truly happened in Room 400 at the Keele & 401 Howard Johnson's. You know who you are. Perhaps that is enough...for now.)





# JODYTALK

## LAW GAMES

Jody Berkes  
BCL II

The author would like to acknowledge all those who have made Law Games possible, especially Noah & Kiri whose tireless efforts and nagging will be remembered long after my hangover fades. For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of attending Law Games let me paint you a picture. I would describe Law Games as, "More fun than humans should be allowed to have". The premise is simple. During the day, schools competed in a variety of athletic (some more than others) events. At night, schools congregate for the social (actually all of Law Games is social in nature) events. Add endless amounts of booze, the loudest and most annoying school cheers you can devise, a McGistle, and 1700 plus law school students, and you get the picture of what Law Games is all about. Some have declared that this is a less than necessary event and question its academic value. You show me someone who thinks this, and I'll show you someone that has never set foot into a Coffee House. Law Games is at least as important as a legal memo or getting the cites right in your factum. All too often students spend so much time at the books that they forget that being lawyers means that you're going to have to deal with other people, and I can think of no better place to hone those badly atrophied social skills than at Law Games. That's the skinny on Law Games. Now for the neophytes who are interested in the gory details, as well as the pros who want a recap of all the things that they can't remember, Jodytalk presents: "Fear and Loathing in Toronto".

"Good evening Mr. Tyler. Going down?" — Aerqsmith

The elevator doors closed silently- the last time I would use that adjective for the weekend. The trip to Law Games had taken 6 hours, but during that time our spirits had been buoyed by the mixture of booze and anticipation of the games to come. I had checked into my penthouse suite, where my suitemate Junior and his two cohorts were waiting. We quickly stowed our gear and made off for the hospitality suite where we were promised a free 6-pack. When we got there, the party was already in full swing. I navigated my way through the fog toward the bar and when I arrived I was presented with my first dilemma of the weekend. Someone was handing me a drink telling me to, "Taste this," while someone else was equally insistent that I, "Smoke this!" I solved this problem, as I would many others during the weekend, by grabbing the bull by the horns. And thus, with a vice in each paw, I made off for the rally downstairs.

I waded through the sea of white jerseys to the bar where I could survey the scene. Commander Kiri was faced with an unruly crowd and chastised us into silence with, "I really want to get hammered tonight and you're just cramping my style." Once he got the troops settled down, he explained, among other less important bits of information, that Noah moonlights as an opera singer. Additionally, he noted that for the serious sports junkie, David Lisbona had engineered a hot line with 24-hour sports information, updated each night. The rally then shifted into high gear as, McGistles in hand, we practised our cheers. We spilled out of the room chanting to the tune of Queen's *We Will Rock You*, "McGill, McGill Law School". Woe be to the hapless Western law student who got in our way (Yes... Western has a law school).

After my first day's activities in which I played in two football as well as one hockey game, I decided to check out the hospitality suite. The smoke was thick inside where Herb Green and a bunch of others were hanging out. David was busy manning the switchboard sorting out the wins and losses for the day, figuring out where McGill stood in each of its 22 team sports. Someone from Windsor had wandered into the room and was trying to convince several people that Windsor was ranked 3rd among law schools, to which one person replied, "Yeah, amongst schools that start with a W". I heard a roar coming down the hall... "O-ta O-ta-ta O-ta O-ta Ottawa". Commander Kiri blew his McGistle and led the troops

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into a rousing chorus of "See us we're McGill". Things looked like they might turn ugly so I decided to check out the other floors. I ran into Junior who was lined up in the hall, and asked him what was up. He looked me in the eye and said, "Jody, I have three words that will change your whole life: Swedish meat balls". I love food and at that moment I realized that the last solid food I had consumed was the olive in my martini the night before. I was thinking about taking a number, but I couldn't be swayed from my true mission...getting to the Pub Crawl.

The first floor of the bar was dominated by Warhol-esque wall paintings of Chairman Mao. There were several pool tables as well as a bar that ran the length of the room. I asked for a scotch and soda hold the soda, and the bartender obliged. I climbed the stairs to the second floor where I found two circular bars and the majority of the McGill students. The walls here were decorated with fluorescent renderings of Bill Clinton (not Warhol-esque because he never painted Clinton). At \$2 a shot, drinks were a bargain. Janet had just ordered 9, and, being the chivalrous guy I am, I helped her carry them to Julie. Unfortunately, I got a little thirsty along the way, so I had to drink some of them. The music was booming and Steph was calling me out to the dance floor. I was too sober to forget the incident, and too drunk to know better. So

I went out on the floor and shook my bootie as only short, Jewish, white men can (slowly and without rhythm). A bunch of us then went up to the third floor where the real dancing was happening. The room was dominated by a long bar and about 500 sweaty bodies gyrating to the latest dance music. I was looking around for familiar faces when I caught sight of Sheri and Yanick up on the stage working it wicked. Unfortunately, we were partying in Ontario, where they roll up the sidewalks at 6 p.m., and they kicked us out pretty soon after that.

During the next day's sports events I was made part of the ritual Law Games slaughter. It was bloody and painful, but inevitable. The altar was the frozen sheet of the York Ice Arena. The sacrificial lambs were us, the McGill Men's Hockey team, and the part of Abraham was played by the UBC Men's Hockey Team. The atmosphere in the locker room was nervous, we had been deserted by half the team, leaving us with 5 skaters and James between the pipes. David Lisbona kept saying, "Where are they?" Eric, ever the optimist, kept encouraging us, "Listen, if we play disciplined hockey we can beat these guys". I was realistic. I had seen the guys from UBC, and they had matching uniforms. We didn't have a prayer. We fought a pitched defensive battle for the first 12 minutes and held them to only 2 goals. However, we began to tire after that and were savagely beaten 11 - 0. No one will remember the McGill 6 that day for they were shut out. (Coincidentally, 6 was the number of votes I got last year for the class president. Remember, vote early, vote often.)

Law Games involves many different rituals, but none so strange or secret as the cult of Dressing Paulette. While I passed by one of the rooms I heard a minstrel's voice, and stopped. The door was ajar and I slipped through the crack. The minstrel was Janis Joplin crooning her greatest hits out of a black box. I slipped around the corner and saw the high priestess of the Women's Hockey Team building an engineering masterpiece rivaled only by the great pyramids. I had stumbled upon Paulette in all of her nakedness. The women sat about, each offering up their equipment to the high priestess who in turn would dress Paulette one piece of equipment at a time. I was transfixed by Paulette as they placed her up on the windowsill, the late afternoon sun shimmering around the outline of her body. Gus's beneficiary placed the stick in Paulette's hands and she was as fearsome as any brawler that has spent two minutes in the sin bin. I found out later that the team began dressing Paulette about two years ago when they were bored, hanging around, waiting to go out and party the last night of Law Games, and now it has become traditional for them to do so.

McGill won both the Triathalaw and the Curling competition. We also came in as runner-up for the overall sports award which means that if Osgoode Hall can't fulfill their duties as winners, we get to. Lest you think that will never happen just remember- wink, wink, click, click, and it's all ours. There's so much more to say but my editors hate me enough as is so I better stop now. Law Games is the most fun I've ever had. It must be seen to be believed ... Res Ipsa Loquitur.

*Jody Berkes is a second year law student whose editors hate the fact that he uses a Macintosh to write his articles. His column appears weekly in the Quid Novi.*



# CANADIAN LAWYERS AGAINST REPRESSION

**Belinda Beaton**

The plight of Canadians currently without work or changing careers is being well documented. Less tangible are the frustrations peculiar to those in traditional liberal professions during these times of economic retrenchment. Lawyers, it would seem, are a prime example of surreptitious stress reactions. The profession is composed of many individuals who, having chosen their vocations at an early age, deferred personal gratification so they could get through the tedium of their selected program at university, and then entered professional practices where, in addition to demanding work, there existed the usually unspoken pressures of conforming to a firm style of comportment. Now with the demand for their services down and monthly billings declining, some are exhibiting behaviour suggestive of a need to express emotional longings, but an incapacity to do so.

The Professional Standards Committee of the Ontario Bar Association has been concerned with reports of questionable behaviour by individual lawyers. Investigations of some complaints of clients and of learned judges have found no evidence of professional misconduct per se. However, continuation of such actions will result in a major crisis in Canadian law, and a corresponding lack of faith in the legal profession. Not since the Honourable Mr. Justice R.F. Reid and Honourable Mr. Justice R.E. Holland in their book, *Advocacy: Views From the Bench* had to urge lawyers to refrain from bringing their robes to court in green garbage bags, has the deportment of members of the profession received as much comment.

Canadian Lawyers Against Repression, an organization dedicated to the emotional welfare of members of the legal profession, was approached by members of the Ontario Bar Association for assistance in dealing with current problems. All members have received a complimentary therapy kit - a discreet method which aids the recipient in dealing with stress caused by repression. It is hoped that the members of the profession, which prides itself on its capacity for self-regulation, will use the kit to maintain the self-discipline and dignity befitting the decorum traditionally associated with the profession, (apocryphal as this may have been).

The kits were developed after the following incidents were reported:

- Partners from several firms have been caught doodling dollar signs and revised fee schedules on envelopes and napkins.

- Clients at a meeting were shocked when they saw their counsel take out penknife and absently cut depiction's of golf clubs, palm trees, and water skies into his mahogany desk.

- Four female barristers at Bushy, Bagot & Greene have been caught sighing longingly and drawing baby rattles and diapers at diverse times over a three month period.

- A prominent female barrister, who was never reputed to be bulimic, was covering her files with sketches of ice cream cones and soufflés. She also started a souvenir Mars Bar scrap book with the wrappers of all the bars she consumed after her bench mark cases. The senior partners offered to take out shares in the candy company if she would promise to hide the book from her clients, explaining it looked hedonistic to have it on her office coffee table.

- During a murder trial a prominent criminal lawyer, retained for the defence, absently scrawled the sentence in fountain pen, "My dear mother pressured me to go to McGill." with guns and whips around it on a document that was evidence. When it was submitted as an exhibit, the judge promptly called a recess so he could phone a psychiatrist for advice on how to proceed.

- At one of Toronto's most established, and most innovative firms, two of the senior partners now empty the solicitor's garbage baskets themselves twice a day and then shred the contents so that the firm's sketches and doodles are not found by secretaries or articling students and leaked to the press.

To the extent that gender differences are reflected in the graphic results of these subconscious longings, it is believed that women tend to draw more representations of food and family, while male lawyers demonstrate an obsession with sports, automobiles and foreign places. The only segments of the profession not affected by the symptoms are lawyers in legal clinics specializing in violence against women, and those who are insolvency experts.

A Jungian therapy kit has been designed to help lawyers rediscover their own latent creativity while focusing potentially embarrassing doodling in one localized spot. The book, which is the size of a colouring book, has suggestions on each page for therapeutic drawings such as, "Sketch yourself in the womb with the special toy you would have liked to have with you;" or "What do you think they are saying about you when they go to the water cooler?" and "If the profession asked you to design a new uniform, what you would like to wear to court." Lawyers are being urged to keep the book in their briefcases and desk drawers and discreetly use it as needed. Should additional ones be required, a second set of exercises is being developed, and will be immediately couriered to them at no additional cost.

The profession is also being given the option of having their kits analyzed. Given the state of the crisis, the Jungian psychiatrist Felicity Laskin, a founder of Canadian Lawyers Against Repression, has agreed to lend her talents to finding explanations for the obsessions of its members. Dr. Laskin's specialty is subconscious frustration in repressed Canadian lawyers who could not resist the pressures to study law. She decided to follow her own inclinations and switch to psychiatry after nearly burning down the Moot Court when she succumbed to sleep-walking while studying at a Canadian law school. The university has asked to remain nameless because it fears the power of suggestion on impressionistic young minds, particularly the self-disciplined products of serious childhood's who law schools seem to attract.

While the Law Society anxiously waits to see if Jungian doodling will ameliorate the misery and malaise which have the potential to wreak havoc with the performance of its members, the Arbitration Institute is monitoring the results as well. Experts in that field are interested in discovering if utilization of the kit for two weeks prior to scheduled hearings will put parties in a more reconciliatory state of mind and have a decidedly beneficial impact on alternative dispute resolution.

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# REACHING OUT TO THE THIRD WORLD:

## Rev. Schibli speaks at the Faculty of Law

Alain Olivier  
LLB IV

The Oil Crisis of 1973 caused a massive redistribution of income from the industrialized countries of the West to the oil-producing countries of the Middle East, Africa and Asia. These funds were then deposited in bank accounts around the world and this massive increase in liquidity prompted large international banks to put their money to use. Because of booming raw material prices, large loans were made to developing countries, on a floating interest rate basis, for a number of different purposes, but little money funneled into little projects to build these countries' social and economic infrastructures. However, when world interest rates skyrocketed in the late seventies and early eighties, to deal with strong inflationary pressures in Western economies, many countries in the Third World saw themselves locked into high interest rate loans which they could not possibly repay. This critical situation was further worsened by the collapse in primary commodity prices, which resulted in sharply reduced export revenues for many developing nations. Finally, the situation came to a head in 1982, when Mexico defaulted on its interest payments, followed shortly thereafter by Brazil and a number of other debtor countries. The "debt crisis" finally hit the front pages of Western newspapers. It touched home by now threatening the stability of the global financial system.

Faced with a situation which threatened its vital interests, the West responded quickly to defuse the debt bomb. Governments provided over-exposed banks with generous tax-writeoffs for loan-loss provisions. The

International Monetary Fund and World Bank stepped into Third World countries and set up "Structural Adjustment Programs" to reduce LDC indebtedness. The IMF prescribed drastic solutions, which included sharply reduced Government expenditure and specialization in export-related activity. These programs hit the population of those countries directly: subsistence farmers

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were driven off their land so monoculture of export staples could be pursued, social services were radically cut back, and the standard of living deteriorated to unacceptable levels. The availability of basic health care and primary education was threatened. Social upheaval was the inevitable consequence in many nations (e.g. riots in Chile, Argentina and other countries). But because the banks have recovered from their "debt hangover", because interest rates have fallen (thus easing the burden on debtor countries) and as democracy has spread across many of the most indebted nations (i.e. in Central and South America), people in the West have come to think that the "Debt Crisis" has ended up with everybody living happily ever after...

Last Wednesday, January 26, in an event sponsored by the **St. Thomas More Society**, Rev. Ernest Schibli spoke in the Moot Court on the "Human Dimension of Third World Debt". Rev. Schibli works for the Social Justice Committee of Montreal, a non-governmental organization (NGO) which plays an active role in cooperation and development in Central America. He drew a compelling picture of the true situation of Latin America today, which has improved somewhat on the economic and social fronts, but is still shameful in comparison with a country like Canada where even GST refunds to students are considered to be a sacred cow... The Third World needs **serious** financial and technical assistance in implementing reform which respects the dignity and basic needs of human beings for this reform to be accepted by the population and to be successful. Canadians can help these countries in their struggle for development and human rights by lobbying their Government to implement policies which are truly beneficial to the **people's well-being**, and not solely to the bottom line of multinational corporations and banks. The Social Justice Committee, for its part, is involved in coordinating NGO activity in Canada on the whole issue of debt in the region of Latin America. If you'd like more info on the Committee, please give Rev. Schibli a buzz at **933-6797**.

In conclusion, Rev. Schibli's talk raised the question of how Western governments, through the actions of their banks, can possibly justify imposing policies and conditions on developing nations which we would find unacceptable for ourselves...



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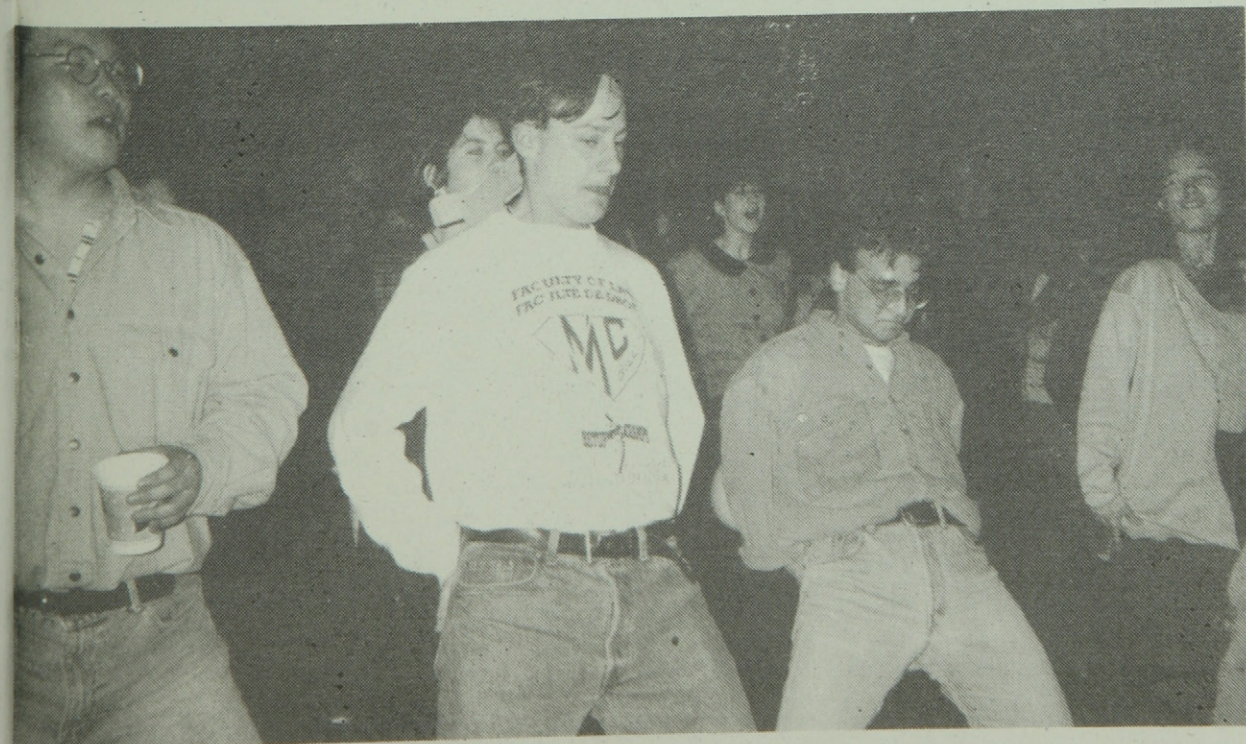
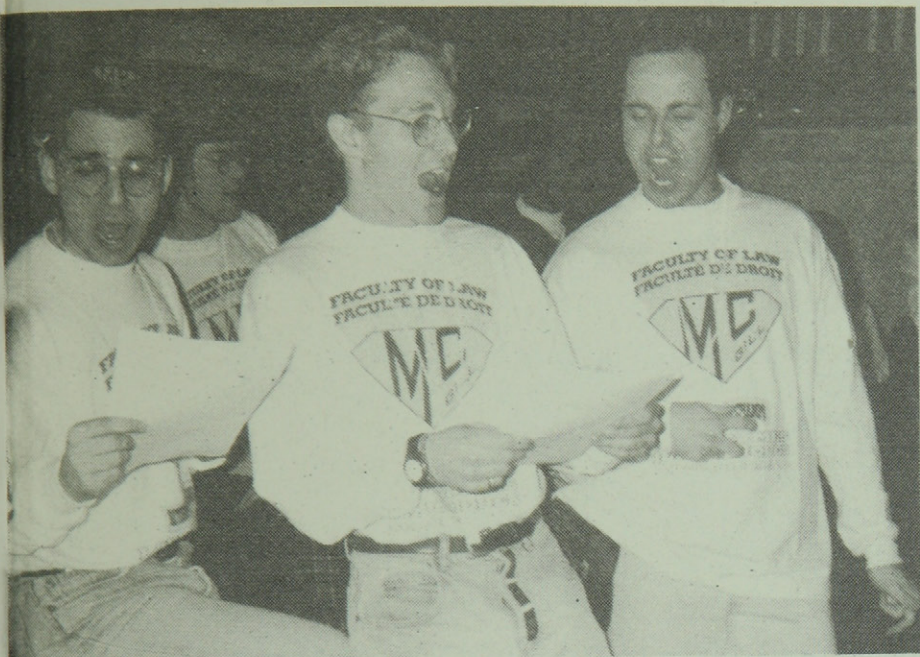
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# LAW GAMES '94





# THE RES IPSA LOQUITUR IS NOW ON SALE!!

## Yearbook Committee

Welcome back from law games! While you were gone the minimal staff of the *Res Ipsa Loquitur* were busily preparing for their winter promotion of the yearbook. This year we are proud to announce that this year's book is bigger and better than last. Judging from the pictures we have taken thus far, and imagining what the pictures from law games will reveal, this is one book you won't want to miss out on.

Right now the 88 page book is being sold at the low, low price of \$18.00. If you are graduating or will not be here next September (thus far we are meeting our deadlines and thus the ship dates are still September), please take advantage of the new shipping service that Josten's (the publisher) and the *Res Ipsa Loquitur* is offering. For an extra \$5.00 you will be sent your copy to the address of your choice - whether it is overseas or in Canada - direct from the publisher. Thus, you will be receiving your copy at the same time as everyone at McGill is receiving theirs. One word of warning. Because

many of this year's staff are graduating this year, there will be little continuity. If you get your yearbook sent to the faculty, no one will be responsible for getting it to you; you alone will be responsible for coming to pick it up. Thus, I strongly urge you to use this service.

Books can be bought in the Pit all this week (we accept both cheque and cash), and every Wednesday from 12:30 to 2, and at Coffee House thereafter until Spring Break. Books can also be bought from the committee members. Feel free to stop the following people in the hallways:

Jacqueline Goodwin (LLB III) - editor; Alex LeBlanc (Nat. IV) - past-editor; Jennifer Good (BCL I) - advertising/sales; Alpana Garg (BCL I) - advertising/sales; Eddie Look (BCL I) - pictures; Yanick Landry (BCL II) - advertising; Mark Robinson (LLB II) - layout;

## CALL FOR PICTURES!

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Taken any pictures at official school events that you would like to see in the yearbook? (i.e. Coffee House, law games, bar parties) Then make sure you leave a copy of your picture(s) in the *Res Ipsa Loquitur* box in the LSA office.

(b) Intramural sports, Law clubs, moot teams, etc, etc.

If you are on an intramural sports team, a member of a law club or a moot team and would like to be immortalized in the 1994 *Res Ipsa Loquitur*, please take a picture of your team and some "action" shots and submit them to the yearbook committee. If no one on your team has a camera, then contact Jacqueline Goodwin or Eddie Look to arrange a mutually agreeable time for your picture to be taken.

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